Casa Ybel Resort

Sanibel Island as it was and always should be.

In a more gracious era - at the turn of the century - this Sanibel Island, surely the most unique and loveliest in the Gulf of Mexico was homesteaded and inhabited by some fascinating families. The family of Christian missionary George Barnes was one of those early settlers. They built "The Sisters" on the Gulf of Mexico, and Mr. Barnes' daughters, Marie and Georgia, "accepted guests" and prepared sumptuous meals for the earliest vacationers to Sanibel. In the early 1900's the name was changed to Casa Ybel, as it is today, and Sanibel Island's first Gulf Beach Resort has played gracious hostess to thousands of visitors since.

Mr. Barnes' daughter, Georgia, married a dashing Major Edward Duncan who built the stately Great House called "Thistle Lodge" which stands to this day on the Resort property, patiently waiting restoration.

For nearly a century Casa Ybel Resort has welcomed guests to the magnificient white beach strewn with shells ... to the sweeping grounds, deep-shaded by stately trees ... and to a grace and charm and style of vacation that has disappeared in this high speed society. And for a century to come Casa Ybel Resort will be "home" to guests in that same graceful style. Casa Ybel ... Sanibel Island as it was, and always should be.

The earliest guests of Casa Ybel Resort arrived by steamer at Tarpon Bay, debarked and trudged across the Island on foot, following a mule cart laden with their holiday luggage. They needed the vacation after the mile and half walk. We suggest you might try driving here.

Motor across the Causeway and turn right (South) on Periwinkle Way. Proceed cautiously down this road until you approach the Bank of the Islands on your left. Turn left just beyond it on Casa Ybel Road and drive to the Gulf of Mexico. You can't miss us. We're just past the Casa Ybel Airdrome.

In the event you're arriving by flying machine, you'll surely be interested in using Casa Ybel Airdrome. Our 2,600 foot grass strip is listed and indicated on all Federal Aviation Administration Charts and Lists. There's plenty of room and someone will assist you in securing your flying machine to earth, when you arrive.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Casa Ybel Resort's 25 acres stretches out some 1,600 feet on the Gulf of Mexico, so the guest cottages you'll occupy are nicely separated and spaced. The cottages range from lodge suites to a five bedroom cottage complete with fireplaces.

Most of the cottages have lovely, breezy screened porches with incomparable views. All have dependable air conditioning and television sets of the compatible black and white variety. You'll find an equipped kitchenette for preparing light meals or sumptuous feasts right in your own guest cottage. And you'll find the furniture comfortable, adequate and rather plain.

Let's be very candid about the luxury of Casa Ybel Resort. You're not going to find much for a while. Your cottage at Casa Ybel, like the people who'll be serving you are very casual and easy going. If you're looking for Miami Beach glitter and plastic, you'll be bitterly disappointed. And you must remember, too, that even while you're visiting us, Casa Ybel will be under restoration to return the entire resort to its former turn-of-the-century grandeur. (We promise you won't be disturbed during your holiday.) But Casa Ybel is still a year or so away from being what we all want her to be again.

In the meantime, whatever you need in the way of accommodations you'll find at Casa Ybel ... suites, efficiences, one, two, three, four and five bedroom cottages.

RECREATIONS

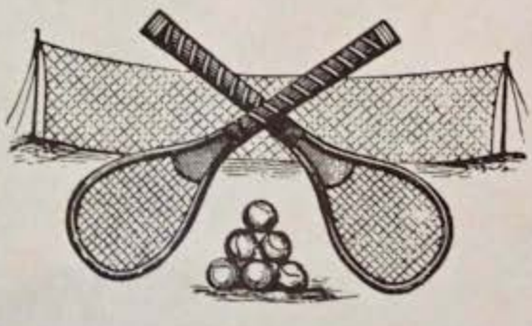
For starters how about several million acres of Gulf of Mexico at your doorstep. And we've already mentioned the magnificient white sand beach between your doorstep and the Gulf. There's also a sweetwater pool, shuffleboard, horseshoe pits, a croquet course and volleyball.

You can play golf at nearby Dunes Golf and Country Club and tennis, too. We have our own table tennis, billiards and other indoor recreation equipment, as well. Our fleet of rental bicycles is at your disposal, which make dandy vehicles for touring the nearby Wildlife Sanctuaries and wandering along the Island's 15 miles of bikepaths.

The nice folks at the front desk can arrange sightseeing and fishing trips. They can also point you in the right direction for renting boats, motors or canoes for back bay exploration.

Out on the beach you can rent the exciting Hobie Cat ... the sports car of the sailing world.

Until our own restaurant, lounge and package store are ready (this Summer) you'll find good restaurants, watering holes and package stores within a short drive. The island has seven churches and a cinema and friendly natives who'll help you along your way anywhere you happen to wander. Frankly, there's so much to see and do on Sanibel Island and the waters around, and especially at Casa Ybel Resort that there's just no way you can be bored. You might try a whole day of just foolin' around. You can whittle, watch birds, jog, stroll - whatever.



GUIDELINES

In order to make your visit a little nicer and to help us keeping everything straight and cooking along, we've established some guidelines which you should know about:

Maid Service

Daily maid service is available to you for the modest fee of 20 percent of your cottage or suite rental. Otherwise maid service will be accomplished only between guest arrivals and departures. You'll find plenty of equipment and materials in your cottage to keep it neat and tidy during your stay.

Clean linens are available at all times at the front desk, and are yours for the asking plus a nice smile.

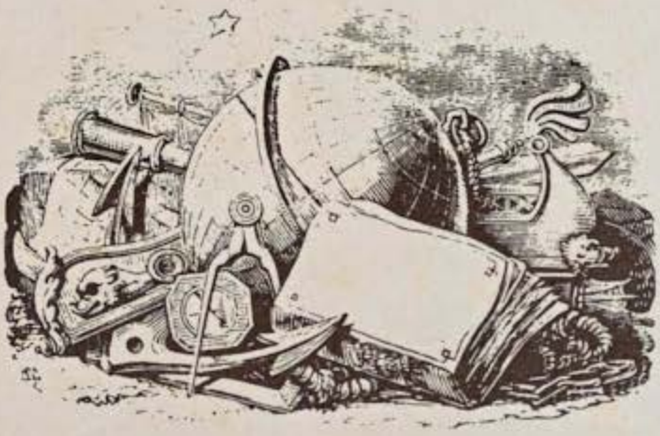
It would help us a great deal, if you would ask in advance for daily maid service, if you wish it. Like at the same time you make your reservation.

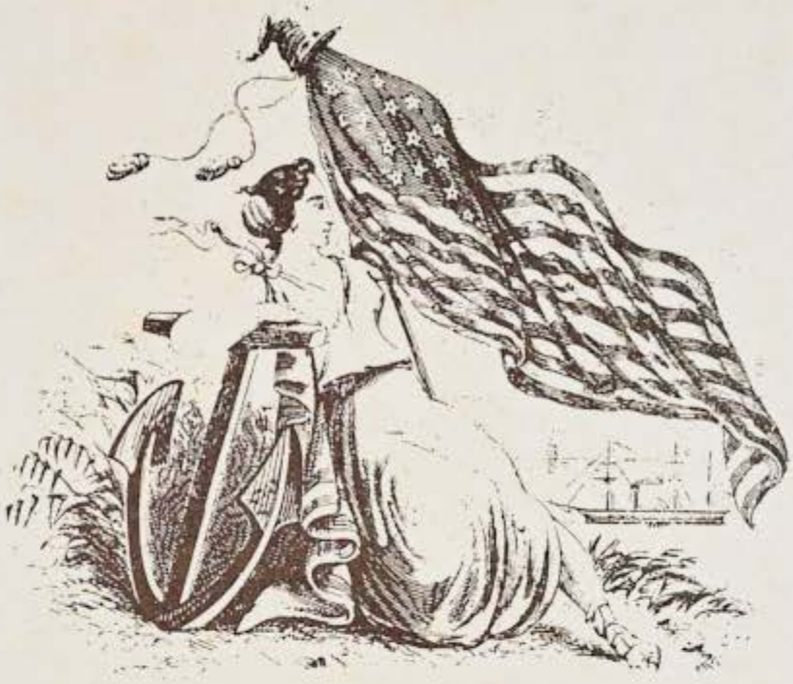
Cabana Rate

If you just plan to spend the day with us, you can rent a cottage from 9 AM 'til 3 PM for $10. You'll be issued a towel for an additional $5 deposit which will be returned when you return our towel. Please don't use the towels already in the room, they're for somebody else and please don't crawl between the sheets.

Airdrome

Casa Ybel Resort guests may land and secure their flying machines free of charge. Others pay $2.60, per landing and $5.00 for tiedowns per day. Long term tiedowns are $26 per week and





$78 per month. Aviators arriving for the day and utilizing the cabana rate may land and secure their flying machines without charge. Goggles cleaned and scarves checked and folded at no cost.

Lowdin Hall

There is no charge for Lowdin Hall by civic or non-profit organization use, provided they are local Island organizations. Groups organized for profit will share same with propriators at $26 per half day or $52 for all day. Our meeting room with 200 seat capacity auditorium style has a dance floor with screens and projectors.

Reservations

Reservations are accepted for a minimum of two nights. Reservations for 3 nights and under require a full deposit. Reservations for three nights and longer require a 50 percent reservation deposit. Cancellations made prior to two weeks prior to occupancy will receive a full refund of deposit monies.

Desk and Check-out

The desk will be open and operating cheerfully from 7 AM 'til 11 PM. Your check-out time is at high noon. Should your desire to linger longer with us on your check-out day, we will be happy to store your grips and trunks.

ANTICIPATIONS

Already work is under way in the complete restoration of Casa Ybel Resort. There are just a host of things you can look forward to both in the immediate future and further on down the line. Some examples:

Immediately A general store will be opened for your use. Our general store will carry a complete line of shaving and toilet articles, plus gifts, souvenirs, cards, etc. What's more there will be a nice array of noble wines, and distinguished spirits plus comestibles, both plain and fancy, for you to trundle back to your cottage kitchenette. Nice little touch that keeps you from having to forage off of the property. It will be operating this Summer and will be open from 7 AM 'til 11 PM.

This Summer A private club with a wealth of benefits will be opened at Casa Ybel Resort. You will become a member automatically upon checking in. Other Island residents will also be able to purchase memberships for their family at shamefully modest fees. Our restaurant (starting with an abbreviated but superb menu) will operate under this private club as will the cocktail lounge.

Complete architectural recreation and resoration of the Great House and eventually all of the guest cottages will commence soon. We will remain as faithful to the historical motif as we can short of discomfort for you and our other honored guests.